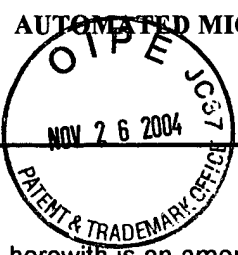
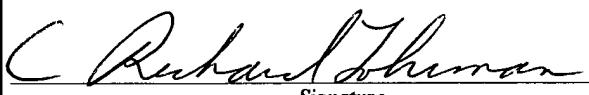



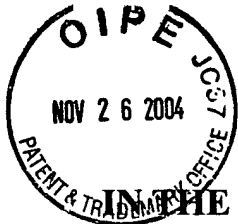


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Honorable Sir:

This is a reply to the Office Action dated August 23, 2004 regarding the above-identified patent application. Claims 1-5 have been cancelled. Claims 6-17 are pending in the application. Claims 6-17 are rejected.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of a **Current Status of the Claims** which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 6 of this paper.

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An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 16 of this paper.